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Chapter 5: Sunset Candy

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WHENEVER I SAY THE NAME OF THE PERSON I LOVE
I WONDER WHY THERE'S A SWEET TASTE ON MY TONGUE
Sunset Candy
Yuki candy
SENSEI.

MM? AAH
WHAT, IT'S JUST YOU, NOMIYA.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? TRANSCRIBING PIANO MUSIC?
"SWEET FRUIT"
SENSEI
Sweet fruit
TAP
TAP
BZZ
BZZ
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT?
A CAR. A SECOND-HAND PEUGEOT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY.
DON'T TELL ME, A JOB ON THE SIDE?

DIIING
DOOONG
DIIING
...YOU SHOULD HIDE YOUR SMOKING.
SNEAK AROUND LIKE A STUDENT SHOULD.
HEY NOW, THAT'S UNTHINKABLE, RIGHT IN FRONT OF A TEACHER
OK. THEN LET'S KEEP MINE A SECRET TOO...
HAHA, A TEACHER?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HAVING ONE IN FRONT OF A MUSIC TEACHER WORKING ON THE SIDE AT SCHOOL?
...THIS MAKES US EVEN.
I THOUGHT YOU DID THAT KINDA STUFF IN FRONT OF A PIANO.
STRUT...
...WHA-
WHAT IS IT?
...THAT'S AMAZING.
JUST BY LISTENING LIKE THAT,
YOU CAN GET THE MUSIC DOWN ON PAPER?

PUFF...
...
WHA...
FLUSTERED
DRAINING
W-W-WHA-
GAPE GAPE
BURN

THEY'VE COME TOGETHER TO SOUND PRETTY GOOD
IT'S FINE OH, BUT PLEASE COME AND TAKE A PEEK AROUND AT LEAST ONCE AROUND THIS WEEKEND
I'M A COMPLETE GHOST OF AN ADVISOR
SORRY, TANAKA-SENSEI.
YOU'VE WORKED HARD.
THE CHOIR CLUB IS DONE I'M RETURNING THE KEY.
YOSHII-SENSEI
BYE
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GO HOME TOO NOMIYA-KUN
HO HO HO
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
TINKER
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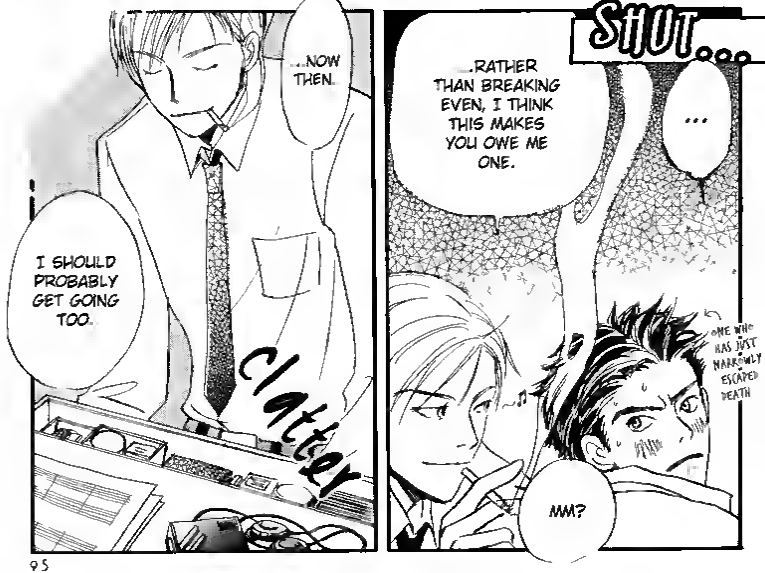
CLAT TER


...NOW THEN.
I SHOULD PROBABLY GET GOING TOO.
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SHUT...
...RATHER THAN BREAKING EVEN, I THINK THIS MAKES YOU OWE ME ONE.
...
ONE WHO HAS JUST NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH
MM?

THE TIME I SAID THE NAME OF THE PERSON RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME

WAS COLORED LIKE THE SUNSET FLOODING THE CLASSROOM, AND WHEN I PLACED IT ON MY TONGUE, IT SLOWLY, SWEETLY MELTED, ALMOST LIKE...

COME ON, LET'S GET GOING.